

APPROVED: Meeting No. 32-89

ATTEST: *Shamir*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 30-89

June 7, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on June 7, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Steve Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, Assistant City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Clerk Sharon Gran.

Re: Amusement Tax

The Mayor and Council discussed with staff issues relating to the amusement tax and licensing fees for video games. With respect to miniature golf, it was noted that the tax rate is 10% in the City and only 7% in the County. Reducing the amusement tax rate for miniature golf in the City from 10% to 7% would result in a loss of revenue of approximately \$13,500. Regarding licensing fees for video games, the County no longer has such a fee while the City's fee is \$35 per year for up to 5 machines and \$20 for each additional machine. Councilmember Abrams noted that the original intent of the licensing fee was concern with proliferation of these machines which is no longer an issue in the area. In order to be consistent with procedures followed by Montgomery County, staff was instructed to prepare an appropriate action item to reduce the City's amusement tax from 10% to 7% for miniature golf and to eliminate the licensing fee for video games.

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Re: Fiscal Policies for Management
of Debt and Capital
Improvements

The City Manager reviewed with the Mayor and Council 21 proposed fiscal policies for management of debt and capital improvements. Staff was instructed to prepare a resolution adopting these fiscal policies for the Mayor and Council meeting of June 12, 1989.

Re: Final Decisions - FY1990
Operating Budget and FY1990-
FY1995 Capital Improvements
Program

1. Farmers' Market. Additional funding of \$7,000 was approved to provide a two-year commitment to this project and in order to enhance the City's ability to attract vendors.

2. Hometown Holidays celebration. In view of the fact that some of the expenses of the 1989 celebration were one-time expenditures which would not be incurred in subsequent years, it was agreed that the proposed allocation of \$150,000 be reduced to \$121,000 for FY1990.

3. Child Care Connection, Inc. Funding of \$4,000 was approved for Child Care Connection, Inc. which provides referral services to assist citizens in meeting their child care needs.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Worksession, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on June 12, 1989, or at the call of the Mayor.